

### FOREIGNERS AT PROGRESO ASK FOR ASYLUM ON U. S. SHIP

Greatest Alarm Is Felt For Their Safety, and Vigorous Representations Are Made to General Carranza.

First Chief to Provide Special Train to Take Foreign Nationals From Mexico City. McManus to Be Avenged.

Americans and other foreigners at Progreso, Mexico, fearing for their lives, have appealed for asylum on the United States cruiser Des Moines, stationed at that port.

Because of the defeat of the insurgent forces at Progreso and the general demoralization existing there, State Department advises declare the greatest alarm is felt by the foreigners.

Vigorous representations have been made by the United States to General Carranza. In company with the chief of staff of Admiral Caperton at Vera Cruz, United States Consul John R. Silliman, as soon as he learned of the situation at Progreso, called on Carranza's foreign minister.

**PROTECTION PROMISED.**  
Assurances were given that Carranza would issue immediate orders to give full protection to foreign life and property.

Urquiza, Carranza's foreign minister, requested Silliman to have Admiral Caperton instruct the captain of the Des Moines that everything possible would be done by the Carranza government to remedy the situation.

General Carranza will provide a special train for Americans and other foreigners desiring to leave Mexico City. This was announced today by Secretary Bryan, who communicated at once to President Wilson the text of a dispatch to that effect, received this morning from Consul Silliman.

According to Silliman, the first chief, whose forces control most of the line of the railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, has agreed to send a train through to the capital to bring the refugees out. On this train, on its trip to the capital, he has agreed to allow the Red Cross officials to place medical and other supplies for the isolated city.

**Rioting Not Confirmed.**  
Secretary Bryan was unable to say how many Americans and other foreigners had applied for permission to leave Mexico City. No number, he stated, was mentioned in the dispatch from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City requesting train facilities. The Secretary declared the State Department was without any dispatches which would justify the reports from El Paso and other border towns that rioting and looting had broken out among the Zapatistas in control of the capital. On the other hand he stated that the Zapata officials had already agreed to permit foreigners to leave as soon as a train was sent from Vera Cruz.

Enrique Lorente, head of the Villa junta in Washington, informed Secretary Bryan that the authorities at Mexico City were investigating the murder of John H. McManus, the American killed by Zapatistas, and that a "suitable indemnity" would be paid to the widow and children of the dead man. No sum was mentioned in describing this indemnity.

Lorente also advised Mr. Bryan that the slayers of the American would be punished. No mention was made of the nature of the punishment to be inflicted.

**Lorente Issues Denial.**  
Lorente today gave out a strong denial of reports that anarchy was prevailing in Mexico City, and that the lives and interests of foreigners were in jeopardy.  
"The truth is," said Lorente, "that the capital has simply been passing from the hand of one military force to another, and in naming the new authorities to take over the municipal control there has naturally been some unavoidable confusion. Considering that Mexico is in a state of civil war, one could hardly expect the capital, which is in the midst of the battleground, to be as quiet and orderly as Salem, Mass."  
"Difficulties in the nature of things are bound to happen, and must be borne by the populace, native and foreign, such being one of the burdens that all must bear when taking up a residence anywhere. Precisely the same criticisms were visited on General Butler half a century ago, when he captured and occupied New Orleans. To read the foreign papers of those days describing alleged outrages that never occurred on the foreign inhabitants of New Orleans would make one think that the Zapatistas were Boy Scouts instead of the marauders that they are reported to be in the press."

### President Wears Sprig of Shamrock

Secretary Tumulty and Other White House Attaches Honor Ireland's Saint.

President Wilson today wore a green tie and in his buttonhole a bunch of shamrock, the latter the gift of Miss Sue Martin, of Montgomery street, Jersey City, a friend of Mrs. Joseph Tumulty.  
Mr. Tumulty and other White House attaches also "wore the green."  
For the first time within the oldest attaché's memory, however, there was no box of shamrocks from the "old sod." It was supposed the Irish leaders were too busy with recruiting to send it, or it was delayed by slow mail service.

### ERIN'S PATRONS SAINT HONORED IN CAPITAL

Ceremonies at the Catholic Churches Mark Feast of St. Patrick Today.

Loyal sons of St. Patrick, in speech, song, and devout worship, paid elaborate tribute to the memory of the patron of the Emerald Isle in Washington today.  
Erin's patrons, with the Stars and Stripes, predominated in the decorations in Catholic Churches, where special services were the order of the morning hours, and throughout all Washington individual weavers of the green paid homage to him whose anniversary is celebrated today in every enlightened land.

The seven local divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, together with the ladies' auxiliary societies, attended the celebration of high mass in St. Aloysius Church at 10 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock members of the League of the Good Shepherd and St. Vincent de Paul Society were devout worshippers at the first pontifical mass sung by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, of the Catholic University in Washington, in St. Patrick's Church. In the presence of the papal delegate, Archbishop Bonzano, services in commemoration of the patron saint were held in all Catholic Churches, with special eulogistic sermons featuring:

**Will Celebrate Tonight.**  
Tonight the Shamrock Club will hold its annual banquet at the National Hotel, the Elks' Club will celebrate in special honor of St. Patrick at the club house, 515 H street, northwest, and dancing parties will be given by Washington Council, K. of C., in the Arcade, and by Carroll Council in the Knights of Columbus hall, 606 E street northwest.

A St. Patrick's day entertainment will feature the meeting of the Shamrock Club tonight, and the Retail Grocers will hold a joint St. Patrick's day celebration and business session in the Fair Hotel, 515 H street, northwest.  
Preceding the pontifical mass in St. Patrick's the clergy participating, including the archbishop, the bishop, and the papal delegate, will be present. The Rev. John Delaney, S. J., of Holy Cross Academy, and the Rev. Edward Leonard, of St. Ignace, will also participate.

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### DROPS BOY AND GIRL FROM FIFTH FLOOR

Man, Thought by Police to Be Father, Tries to Kill Two Children.

NEW YORK, March 17.—An unidentified man dropped seven-year-old Sadie Lieberman from the fifth story of an apartment house in Ninety-eighth street today, according to a story told the police.

In a few minutes he reappeared at the window and with a fiendish yell sent five-year-old Sammie Lieberman hurtling to the asphalt, sixty feet below.

The mangled bodies of the two children were found by a man who heard the shrieks of Miss Lieberman. They were rushed to the hospital, still alive, but dying. Their skulls had been fractured and both had suffered internal injuries.  
A general alarm was sent out for Samuel Lieberman, father of the children.  
The mother, prostrated at the hospital, told the police she had gone to the kitchen, leaving the children in the care of a neighbor, who, she said, quarreled with her husband, who had been summoned to the domestic relations court.  
**MYSTERIOUS FIRE SWEEPING A TOWN**  
Damage in Champaign, Ill., Will Amount to Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.  
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 17.—Fire starting from an unknown cause, probably in an elevator shaft in the Lewis department store, today destroyed the half-block occupied by the six-story Illinois Building and all of a full block adjoining, except a corner occupied by the Citizens' State Bank.  
The damage will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.  
The Citizens' Bank is still in danger. Fire departments are being rushed from Decatur, Danville, and Bloomington.

### TREASURY ORDERS GRAND HOTEL TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

Byron M. Newton, Assistant Secretary, Acts Following Protests From Many.

EDICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Declares It Is Against Government's Policy of Leasing Property for Barroom.

Acting secretary of the Treasury Newton today issued an order requiring the lessees of the Grand Hotel to vacate that property by April 1.  
The order was issued as the result of a threat of protest from Washington and the country at large against the Government's policy in leasing the property for a hotel and permitting a bar room to be operated on such property.

Mr. Newton, explaining his action today, said:  
"As Acting Secretary, I followed out the purpose of Secretary McAdoo when I issued this order, the idea being that whenever a place is of improper character, it ought not to be permitted to exist on Government property."  
"We took time to advise ourselves fully as to the way the place had been run, and on information thus obtained, the order to vacate it was issued."

Mr. Newton said a report from the District Commissioners showed that the character of the place was such that the Government did not wish to have it continue on Government property.  
The Treasury Department has jurisdiction over the Grand Hotel property as a result of the purpose of this lot by Congress as a site for contemplated public buildings.

### PRESIDENT TO MEET G. A. R. COMMITTEE

Will Discuss Arrangements for Encampment to Be Held Here Next September.

President Wilson has agreed to meet a committee of Grand Army men next Saturday to discuss arrangements for the big encampment to be held in this city next September. Colonel Henry C. Davidson, president of the G. A. R., and a number of other officers, will take a prominent part in the reunion, realizing with many others that it probably will be the last big gathering for most of the old soldiers who fought in the great war for the preservation of the Union. It is expected that he will agree not only to welcome the visiting veterans, but will make a speech to them.

In assuring the local committee of his willingness to assist them in the preparation of the program, the President departed from his announced intention to exclude himself from visitors generally during the next three weeks. The President is indicating every desire to remedy the unintentional slight which he committed last year against the Grand Army veterans at Arlington, when he at first declined to attend their exercises, and only reconsidered when it was made plain to him that the old soldiers felt the President had deliberately ignored them.

William F. Gude, chairman of the general committee of 10 that is arranging the encampment, left today for a business trip through the North and East. He will address meetings in New York, Boston, and Hartford, and in each instance will outline the elaborate plans that are being made for the entertainment of the veterans in this city, and urge a large attendance from the posts in those cities.

The subcommittee of the finance committee, in charge of raising the business sections of the city, but not yet submitted definite reports to Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the finance committee, and to the President today that few of those approached and asked to subscribe were declining.

Mrs. Lulu Carter, president of the Daughters of Veterans, has written from Chicago, asking that accommodations be obtained for 20 delegates to the encampment, and that they be housed in connection with the G. A. R. celebration.  
A series of orders, impressing upon the members of the Woman's Relief Corps the advantages to be derived from attendance at the encampment and the convention that the corps will hold at the time in this city, have been issued by Mrs. Sarah E. Fulton, the national president.

**AGAIN PLEAD FOR POSTOFFICE BRANCH**  
Business Men's Delegation Asks Postmaster Praeger to reconsider Petitions.

### DRESDEN WAS SUNK BY ENGLISH WHILE ABLAZE ON HIGH SEA

British Lieutenant Commander Denies German Was Destroyed in Neutral Waters.

SHIP FLED WHEN ATTACKED

Raider Soon Ran Up White Flag. Magazine Exploded—Crew Praise English Rescuers.

VALPARAISO, March 17.—In the first detailed story of the naval battle off Robinson Crusoe's Island, Lieutenant Commander Fielding, of the British auxiliary cruiser Orama, today denied that the German cruiser Dresden had been sunk in neutral waters.

"The Dresden was about twelve miles off the point of Juan Fernandez Island when we sighted her," said Fielding. "We at once gave chase, the cruiser Glasgow leading, the Kent close behind, and the Orama trailing slightly in the rear."  
"The Glasgow closed in to short range and opened fire. She fired several shots before the Dresden's guns got in action. All the time the German was running in toward the coast."

"The Kent swung in to head her off. Before the Kent opened upon her, the Dresden's upper works were afire and it was plainly seen that her raiding days were over. The Kent had fired less than half a dozen shells when the Dresden ran up the white flag. We were ordered to stand by and take off the crew. Within a few minutes flames reached her magazine, there was a terrific explosion, and the cruiser went down."

**German Praise Rescuers.**  
"The story that she was sunk in Chilean waters is nonsense. That can be disproven by locating her bulk."  
Lieutenant Commander Fielding, who was brought here, praised the English ship commanders for their work of rescue, but asserted positively that the cruiser was sent to the bottom within less than half a mile of the island.  
They said the Dresden was at anchor when she was fired on, and that her crew were ordered to take to the boats.

### Karlsruhe Is Wrecked Sea Captain Reports

NEW YORK, March 17.—According to a sea captain of Brooklyn, just returned from the West Indies, the German cruiser Karlsruhe was recently wrecked in a storm off the coast of Grenada, in the Windward Islands.

The captain, who refused to permit the use of his name, declares he saw the wreck on his trip north.

### PRINZ EITEL MAY NOT VENTURE FORTH

Captain Thierichens Expected to Forego Risk of Having Vessel Blown to Pieces.

Information in Treasury and Navy Department circles today is that Captain Thierichens, of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, will probably not attempt to take his vessel out to sea to be smashed to pieces by the waiting British and French cruisers.

Further, the Government officials have been reliably advised that Captain Thierichens does not want to leave voluntarily, but that he and his government would be well satisfied if the vessel were forced to intern.

Whether internment will be forced by this Government cannot be ascertained today. In fact, it is believed this Government has not yet decided on its course. The report of the board of naval officers detailed to investigate the condition of the Eitel Friedrich and find out how long it would take to make repairs was just completed yesterday.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who returned to Washington this morning after attending the launching of the Pennsylvania, has not yet gone over the report and would make no statement concerning it today.

It is the understanding that while the Government could not give a direct order to intern it could order the German vessel to sail in twenty-four hours. If the vessel were not in condition to go this would be practically equal to an order to intern.

### SUBMARINE IN 3,000-MILE RAID SINKS 2 BRITISH SHIPS

LONDON, March 17.—The prowess of Germany's new secretly designed submarines was demonstrated in striking fashion today.

The admiralty announces that a submarine boat, undoubtedly of the U-29 type, has circled Ireland and torpedoed the Glasgow steamer Atalanta, off Inishturk, on the west coast of County Galway.

It is also announced that the Leith steamer Fingal has been torpedoed in the North Sea, with a loss of six men. Twenty-one other members of the Fingal's crew were rescued.

To perform its surprising feat the German raider must have had a cruising radius of at least 3,000 miles. The admiralty does not believe the Germans have a submarine base near the British coast. This tends to confirm rumors that Germany's newest submarines are equipped to dash across the Atlantic.

**SOUTH SHIELDS, England, March 17.**—The steamer Blonde, arriving in the Tyne today, reported she was attacked by a German taube and that one member of her crew was killed.

### TRADE BOARD TO SEE PRESIDENT TONIGHT

Wilson Is Expected to Suggest Study of Co-operative Foreign Selling Agencies.

Members of the newly installed Federal Trade Commission will confer with President Wilson at the White House tonight for the purpose of outlining a policy for their work in enforcing the laws against unfair competition in "Big Business." It will be the first conference which the President has had with the board.

He is expected, among other things, to impress upon the commission that, with the facilities which it will have, it can avail itself of an unprecedented opportunity to create a new order of things in the relations between business and the Government. He will tell the board, it is understood, that it will be expected to create a standard of business spirit throughout the country to assist honest business to great achievements of enterprise, and otherwise justify its creation by constructive administration of its duties.

It is thought probable that the President will suggest as the first concrete step to be taken by the commission, a study of the question of co-operative foreign selling agencies, so that it may recommend legislation to Congress which, with proper restrictions, would permit small concerns in the same lines of business to create such agencies as a means of competing with the highly organized foreign agencies of other countries.

**Named Special Attorney.**  
Former Congressman Raymond B. Stevens of New Hampshire, who wrote the unfair trade practices clause of the trade commission act, has been appointed special attorney for the commission at a salary of \$3,000. Mr. Stevens is to be in charge of the commission's legal affairs, and will be in charge of the commission's legal affairs, and will be in charge of the commission's legal affairs.

The commission held a short session today at which plans for finding office room for the commissioners and their clerks were discussed. Later the commissioners called on Secretary Redfield to see if he could not assign room now occupied by some of the other bureaus to the commission. Until more room is found the commissioners will occupy the single suite of offices on the ninth floor of the Commerce building occupied by the Bureau of Corporations.

### Says Bay Steamers Are Run at Loss

Railway Magnates Assert Chesapeake Company Affords Roads Baltimore Terminal.

Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of the Southern Railway, and Alexander Hamilton, counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line, declared at an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing today that the Chesapeake Bay Steamship Company, owned jointly by the two roads, is operated at a loss and is only retained in order to give the terminal the statement to the commission that the company was made in connection with the application under the Panama Canal act of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line to retain control of the Chesapeake Bay, Old Dominion, and Virginia Navigation Company steamship lines.

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore is an intervenor in the petition, sustaining the application of the railroad company. Beck, appearing for the association, stated that continued operation of the Chesapeake Bay Steamship Company would be a hindrance to the Baltimore shipyards.

### DANIELS RETURNS FROM LAUNCHING

Secretary of Navy and Others Pleased With Success of Ceremony at Newport News.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels and party returned to Washington this morning on the Mayflower from Newport News, where they witnessed the launching of the Pennsylvania.

Secretary Daniels was much pleased with the ceremony. Many expressions of praise for the new warship were heard from the naval officers and others who saw the ceremony.

### TOKYO AND PEKING NEAR AGREEMENT

Japan's Foreign Office Says Satisfactory Solution of Negotiations Is in Sight.

LONDON, March 17.—The Japanese foreign office gave out a statement today, asserting that a satisfactory solution of the negotiations between Japan and China is in sight, according to a Tokyo dispatch to the Central News.

The basis upon which the Japanese diplomats expect to reach a settlement was not hinted at in the statement.

### WARSHIPS CO-OPERATE WITH LANDING PARTY

Dardanelles Attack Repulses Turkish Attempt to Replace Guns at Kum-Kale.

LONDON, March 17.—French warships, co-operating with a British landing party, have prevented the Turks from mounting new guns near the Dardanelles entrance to replace those wrecked by fire from the allied fleet, Athens dispatches report today.

A French flotilla, standing just inside the entrance to the strait, raked the Turkish positions east of Kum Kale with shell fire for several hours. The Turks finally abandoned the attempt and withdrew.

The admiralty early today had no official dispatches to make public regarding the Dardanelles and Smyrna bombardments. Several unofficial reports, however, agreed that the British cruiser Amethyst penetrated far up the Dardanelles and was seriously damaged, at least twenty of her crew being killed.

Admiralty officials do not credit the report that the Amethyst ran past Kild Bahr and Sultana and entered the Narrows. They asserted that until the forts at the narrow entrance were reduced it was highly improbable that any warship could perform such a feat.

### U. S. OFFICER TRIED FOR HITTING "COP"

Lieut. S. F. Budd, Who Punched Annapolis Policeman, Faces Court-Martial.

ANNAPOLIS, March 17.—Charged with violating articles of war by assaulting a member of the local police force, Lieut. Samuel P. Budd, of the Marine Corps, was put on trial before a court-martial at the local barracks this morning.

The court was ordered by the Secretary of the Navy after a report had been forwarded by Col. L. J. Cole, commandant of the post. Col. John A. Lejeune is the president of the court, and Lieut. A. E. M. Lemore judge advocate.

William Frantum and W. W. Boteler, Annapolis policemen, were among the first witnesses examined. The incident took place early on the morning of February 6, following a dance in a local hall.

### AUSTRIA AND ITALY FACING OPEN BREAK OVER DEMANDS

Abandonment of Neutrality by Quirinal Expected Within Two Weeks Because of Popular Demands.

Serbs Mass Off Albanian Frontier and Bulgars Move Toward Turkish Border—Crisis in Relations Approaches.

ROME, March 17.—Possibility of the abandonment of Italy's position of neutrality following an open break with Austria within two weeks; massing of Serb troops upon the Albanian frontier; reported troop movements of Bulgaria toward the Turkish frontier; anti-Austrian demonstrations in several Italian cities; and the gathering of Italian warships at Taranto, Italy's most southern naval base—gave the international situation today its gravest aspect from the Italian point of view since the fateful first of August.

Apparently the dual monarchy will reject the territorial demands of the Quirinal and with the strong popular demand arising that Italy break with the Triple Alliance and cast her lot with the Triple Entente, an open break is imminent.

### PRICE OF NEUTRALITY.

From high diplomatic quarters has been received an outline of the demands Italy has made upon Austria Hungary as the price of continued neutrality. The negotiations are conducted by Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, who is conducting the negotiations, is confident that the dual monarchy will yield to pressure and give a free hand to Italy's ambitions.

Anti-Austrian demonstrations were again reported from a number of Italian cities today. Unquestionably the warlike utterances of that portion of the press favoring the allies is stirring up a strong sentiment in favor of war. On the other hand the leaders who have consistently urged the maintenance of Italy's neutrality have not been without success.

Roughly speaking, Italy desires a sweep of territory to the north and east which would extend her boundary around the northern end of the Adriatic Sea as far south as Fiume, on the eastern coast. This would include the provinces of Trent and Trieste, acquisition of which has been Italy's long-standing ambition.

The concessions which Austria is believed to be willing to make are insignificant as compared with the demands. It is regarded as probable that, under pressure from Germany, the negotiations may be extended and Austria may be induced to grant larger concessions than she now is willing to consider, but the belief is generally held in responsible quarters that the Austrian concessions would be insufficient to satisfy Italy.

**Demands of Italy.**  
The demands of Italy, as outlined today, are set forth as follows:  
To the north, she desires the entire province of Trent, bringing her frontier to Venoste, Passirio and Breonice, including the districts of Trento, Trient, Bozen, Meran, Bressanone and Brunico; to the east, she desires to extend her frontier to the Julian Alps, including the provinces of Gorizia and Ystria, with the districts of Tolmino, Goritz, Trieste, Pola and Fiume. In addition to this, she desires the Dalmatian islands, especially Veglia, Cherso, Lusa, Brazza, Lesina, Curzola, Kievol, and Lisica.

The only rectification of the frontier which, according to this information, Austria is willing to grant, is the cession of territory which would give to Italy possession of Lake Garda, with the towns of Riva and the valleys of the Chiese, Meran, Brenno and Isarco. The only rectification of the frontier which, according to this information, Austria is willing to grant, is the cession of territory which would give to Italy possession of Lake Garda, with the towns of Riva and the valleys of the Chiese, Meran, Brenno and Isarco.

It is understood also that in return for such territory as she is willing to cede, Austria desires for a large sum of money and also the renunciation by Italy of any claim to other territory within the Austro-Hungarian empire which is inhabited by Italians. In return for these concessions on Italy's part, Austria is willing to make certain concessions to Italy, including the establishment of an Italian university at Trieste.

**Negotiations Continue.**  
High Government officials today insist that there is no cause for alarm. The negotiations with Austria being conducted through Prince Von Buelow are continuing. That there has been no breaking off of the interchanges is taken to mean here that Austria may yet yield.